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Auction Bridge with Nullos

This is a text-book for players with some experience in auction bridge. It includes directions for playing the nullo bid, the correct use of high spade bids, and the best methods of playing difficult hands.

The illustrative deals will repay careful study.

In all card games the natural conventions are most effective, while those which are purely arbitrary can only be a handicap. When a player bids one club holding K-Q-J-5-3 of clubs he is using a natural convention; but should he bid one club to show the ace and queen of diamonds the convention would be arbitrary and artificial.

In whist, bridge, and auction bridge each season has brought forth some cubist system of play or bidding, each worse than useless while it lasts.

The chapter on bidding is merely supplementary to the booklet *The Game of Lilies*. That on psychology, of course, only scratches the surface. To deal thoroughly with the psychology of the game would require more than one volume.

LAWS OF THE GAME

The most important laws are given below.

The loss on a one spade declaration is limited to 100 points.

| | WHEN TRUMPS ARE | | | | |
|---|-----------------|----|----|----|--------|
| | ♠ | ♣ | ♦ | ♥ | Lilies |
| Each trick above 6 counts | 2 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 |
| Three honors count | 4 | 12 | 14 | 16 | 18 |
| Four honors count | 8 | 24 | 28 | 32 | 36 |
| Five honors count | 10 | 30 | 35 | 40 | 45 |
| Four honors in one hand count | 16 | 48 | 56 | 64 | 72 |
| Four honors in one hand and fifth in partner's count | 18 | 54 | 63 | 72 | 81 |
| Five honors in one hand count | 20 | 60 | 70 | 80 | 90 |
| Chicane counts | 4 | 12 | 14 | 16 | 18 |
| Grand slam counts | .. | .. | .. | .. | 40 |
| Little slam counts | .. | .. | .. | .. | 20 |

WHEN THERE IS NO TRUMP

| | |
|---------------------------------------|-----|
| Each trick above six counts | 10 |
| Three aces count | 30 |
| Four aces count | 40 |
| Four aces in one hand count | 100 |

At nullo each trick less than seven counts 11, and there are no honors.

The partners first winning two games win the rubber.

If the first two games are won by the same pair, the third is not played.

Two hundred and fifty points are given as a bonus to the pair winning the rubber.

A game consists of 30 points obtained by tricks alone.

The dealer is obliged to make one bid, either with a trump suit or of no trump.

After the original bid any player may increase the bid or pass.

A player may overbid the previous declarant any number of times, and he may also overbid his partner, but he cannot overbid his own declaration which has been passed by the other three players. The bidding is completed when three players have passed and never until then.

When the player who makes the winning declaration fails to make the number of tricks bid, the opponents score 50 in the honor column for each trick less than the required number which the declarant has made. If the declaration has been doubled or redoubled, the opponents score 100 or 200, as the case may be, for each trick. When a declaration has been doubled and the declarant fulfills his contract, he scores twice the value of each trick below the line, 50 points in the honor column for making his contract, and 50 points for each trick which he may have made above his contract. These values are doubled when the declarant redoubles his adversaries. If a player, in bidding, fails to declare a sufficient number of tricks to overbid the previous

declaration, he shall be considered to have declared the requisite number of tricks in the bid which he has made, unless either of his adversaries make a higher declaration, double or pass. Unless the opponents double or make a higher declaration, the partner of the player in error is debarred from making any further bid in that deal.

If a player bids out of turn, the player at his left may allow the bid to stand or call for a new deal.

When a player leads before the bidding has been completed, the player at his left may call for a new deal.

When the declarant revokes, the adversaries score 150 points in the honor score and the declarant cannot score below the line in that deal.

Should the declarant's adversaries revoke, the declarant may either take three tricks from his opponents, or 150 in the honor score.

BIDDING

A bid of two spades indicates high-card strength in spades and in at least one other suit.

Bids of three, four, five, six or seven spades indicate that the bidder has a no-trump holding but without defense in the suit named adversely.

A five-spade bid after a no-trump declaration signifies merely that bidder's partner must take him out.

A bid of two in any suit (except spades) when not forced by a previous bid, indicates that the bidder hopes to make game at that declaration.

A player should support his partner's bid when holding two sure tricks, and support it once more for each additional trick. Should this carry the bidding to six or seven odd no harm should be done.

Bid all that your hand is worth originally—usually one trick more than it is worth—when your holding is of exceptional strength.

Allow the opponents to play clubs or diamonds without much opposition unless you have a good prospect of securing game.

When no-trump has been bid at your right the second player should pass, except when holding:

- 1st. A good no-trump hand, with all suits protected. This calls for a bid of two no-trump.
- 2d. A good no-trump hand in three suits but weak in the fourth. He should then bid five spades.
- 3d. When he can make a suit declaration with fair prospect of securing game.

When your partner bids no-trump and you have a very poor hand, overbid in your long suit provided it contains not less than five cards.

When your partner bids no-trump and you have poor support, except for one suit of great length and strength, bid three in that suit. However, should the suit be clubs or diamonds and have A-K at the top, let the no-trump bid stand.

NULLOS

The nullo bid was devised by Fred C. Thwaits of Milwaukee, at the time president of the American Whist League. The original count was ten, but the bid was considered higher than one no-trump. This has been changed to eleven, which avoids confusion and is in keeping with the general scheme of the present game.

Properly used a nullo at this count will not be played oftener than once in three or four rubbers and the count adds to the interest of the game. It will prevent the game from becoming tiresome to a player who is having a run of poor cards.

To bid one nullo a player should have a hand which cannot be forced to take over two tricks.

When a player has bid a nullo he should **never** increase his bid unless supported by his partner.

A player should raise his partner's nullo bid when his hand cannot be forced to take more than three tricks. He may raise once more for each trick less than three in his hand.

The best opening lead against a nullo is usually a singleton or a two-card suit. When neither is available an interior card of a longer suit is best.

Beware of giving up your lowest, or escaping cards, too early in the deal.

Illustrative deal No. 28 gives a good idea of the strategy of nullo play.

PSYCHOLOGY OF THE GAME

To assist the memory, put the knowledge you acquire during the progress of a deal into sentence form and repeat to yourself.

For instance, we will suppose that you have the K-J-10 of clubs in dummy, 4-3-2 in your own hand. You lead the deuce, Jones (at your left) plays a small club, you play ten from dummy and Brown (at your right) the ace. Say to yourself, Jones has the queen of clubs, and although that suit may not appear again for some time, you are certain to place the queen correctly. Instead of having this knowledge floating vaguely through your mind you have put it in concrete form and it cannot escape during the time it takes to play a deal at cards.

A queen, of course, is not likely to be forgotten, but the method aids you to remember whether Brown has remaining in your suit the Q-8, which would be a tenace, or queen and a card below the seven. Name the cards as they fall in the suit or suits of most interest in any particular deal, as "deuce, four, jack, queen of clubs." Say it twice if you find it does not bring certain results otherwise.

This method greatly expedites your game, it

never being necessary to study as to whether a certain card has been played.

Do not keep your card before your face.

After sorting your cards and learning what your holding is for that deal, keep your cards face downward in your left hand, and give your attention to the table. When a suit is led and you are not certain of your holding in that suit simply glance at your cards.

A hypnotist endeavors to have a subject stare into his eyes, or at certain bright objects, in order that the subject's mind may be paralyzed through the optic nerves. When a player holds his cards in fan-shape before his eyes while considering a play he is not looking at his cards but staring at them, and at least tiring his mind through the optic nerves. When you are in doubt as to whether to lead the knave of diamonds or seven of clubs at a given time you will receive no inspiration from staring at those particular cards.

Using the card combinations in a particular deal to the best advantage is by no means all there is to good play. A player must also study the effect of his play on the minds of his adversaries. The most simple form of leading an opponent astray is by the use of false cards.

For instance, should the declarant hold A-K-4 of the first suit led and third hand played the

queen, declarant should win with the ace if wished that suit continued whenever he lost lead. An example of this was the following: W was playing hearts and the knave of diamonds was the original lead and in diamonds dummy played A-Q-8 while the declarant held K-9. Wishing to finesse the trump suit he won with dummy's queen and finally secured nine tricks when he would have secured a small slam had he played the ace of diamonds at trick one. The queen discouraged a second diamond lead and the adversaries picked up three little spades in the declarant's hand which he might have discarded on a club suit in dummy.

There are many players with an excess of cunning which leads them to always false-card, which enables their opponents to read their combinations very easily. Never false-card except with a distinct purpose, and make your holding easy for your opponents to read when there can be no object in deceiving them. Your occasional false card play will then be nearly certain to accomplish its purpose.

In playing a difficult no-trump deal it is sometimes desirable to lead the suit of which you are most afraid, to induce your adversaries to develop your real suit or suits. When your opponents are bringing in a long suit discarding the suit y

want led is helpful, but the discards from dummy may be much more effective.

The psychology of bidding requires a knowledge of the players in each game. Only in very rare cases, however, should a player make any bid not in accordance with the ordinary rules. Bidding to force an adversary up is in itself a foolish proposition, but if you know your adversary is in the habit of overbidding you should play upon that weakness as far as your judgment dictates.

Bluff has no good place in bidding, although a novice is apt to compare the game to poker in this respect. The difference lies in the simple fact that in poker you have no partner.

GENERAL RULES

Winning the game is more important than fulfilling your contract.

Spades bids are doubled only for the purpose of giving information to your partner; other bids should never be doubled for that reason, but always to secure a penalty.

The first thing to consider in doubling is whether it may result in giving game to your opponent.

When you bid on one suit and your partner switches to another, it is usually better to respect your partner's judgment, if you think he has any.

Discard from weakness, or from the suit you do not want your partner to lead. When compelled to discard from your strong suit in order to protect a weak one, echo by discarding a higher and then a lower card of the suit.

At no-trump avoid discarding the last card of a suit.

When the declarant has ace and small cards in one hand, queen and small cards in the other, he should never lead the queen unless he holds knave in one hand or other.

RULE OF ELEVEN

The eleven rule, adapted from the game of whist, is of the utmost importance.

Subtract the number of the card led from eleven and the difference will represent the number of cards in that suit, higher than the card led, which are held by the three players other than the leader. Thus if North led the six of spades, there would be exactly five spades higher than the six in the East, South and West hands.

Suppose a no-trump had been declared and your partner opened with the seven of spades; dummy has queen, nine, four, and you hold ace, ten, deuce: the declarant could have no spade higher than the seven, as the four, representing the difference between seven and eleven, are all in sight.

When your partner leads a deuce he holds exactly four cards in that suit. His fourth-best card being a deuce, a fifth-best is impossible. This rule applies also to any card which can be seen to be the lowest held by the leader in that suit.

Suppose that hearts are trumps and your partner opened with the seven of clubs; dummy held K-10-8-6, while your club holding was A-Q-5-2;

your first thought should be, seven from eleven leaves four. You can see, however, five clubs higher than the seven in the dummy and your own hand; therefore your partner has led a singleton or two-card suit.

After a player has used the rule for a short time his mind will work automatically to that extent, and he will know how many cards declarant holds in the first suit led, higher than the opening card, before dummy has finished spreading his cards.

The rule of course is infallible, and is explained as follows:

Each suit has thirteen cards, which rank from two to fourteen—two, not one, being the lowest card.

Therefore, to ascertain the number clubs of higher than the six, for instance, held by all four players, you would subtract six from fourteen.

As a small card led is always the fourth-best of the suit, however, leader must have exactly three higher cards. That three is subtracted from fourteen to make the rule of eleven and the leader dropped from your calculations.

RULES FOR USE OF ILLUSTRATIVE DEALS

Play deal in your own way, then as given in book and finally turn to comments.

The first bidder is always the dealer.

There is no score unless one is named.

North always has the original lead in deals where play is given.

The card winning each trick is in *italics*.

ILLUSTRATIVE DEALS

DEAL No. 1

| | | | | | |
|-------|-------|-----------|------------|------------|-------------|
| East | . . . | ♠ 5-4-2 | ♥ K-J-10-6 | ♣ K-4-3 | ♦ 7-4-3 |
| South | . . . | ♠ K-10 | ♥ Q-9-8-4 | ♣ 9-8-2 | ♦ A-10-6-5 |
| West | . . . | ♠ A-Q-8-3 | ♥ 2 | ♣ Q-6-5 | ♦ K-Q-J-8-2 |
| North | . . . | ♠ J-9-7-6 | ♥ A-7-5-3 | ♣ A-J-10-7 | ♦ 9 |

Score: N. and S., 18; E. and W., 0. Rubber game.

| | <i>1st round</i> | <i>2d round</i> |
|-------------|------------------|-----------------|
| East . . . | 1 heart | pass |
| South . . . | pass | pass |
| West . . . | 1 no-trump | |
| North . . . | pass | |

DEAL No. 1

| Tricks | N | E | S | W |
|----------|-----|-----|-----|----|
| 1 . . . | 7♣ | 3♣ | 2♣ | Q♣ |
| 2 . . . | ♦9 | ♦3 | ♦A | ♦K |
| 3 . . . | 10♣ | K♣ | 9♣ | 5♣ |
| 4 . . . | 6♠ | 2♠ | 10♠ | Q♠ |
| 5 . . . | ♥3 | ♦4 | ♦5 | ♦Q |
| 6 . . . | ♥5 | ♥K | ♥4 | ♥2 |
| 7 . . . | ♥7 | ♦7 | ♦6 | ♦8 |
| 8 . . . | 7♠ | 4♣ | ♦10 | ♦J |
| 9 . . . | J♣ | 4♠ | 8♣ | ♦2 |
| 10 . . . | 9♠ | 5♠ | K♠ | A♠ |
| 11 . . . | J♠ | ♥6 | ♥8 | 8♠ |
| 12 . . . | A♣ | ♥10 | ♥9 | 6♣ |
| 13 . . . | ♥A | ♥J | ♥Q | 3♠ |

West secured nine tricks.

DEAL No. 2

| | | | | | | | | | |
|-------|---|---|---------|---|----------------|---|----------|---|-----------|
| West | . | ♠ | A-J-9-3 | ♥ | K-7 | ♣ | A-Q-10-4 | ♦ | K-5-2 |
| North | . | ♠ | 8-7-5-2 | ♥ | None | ♣ | 9-6-5-2 | ♦ | Q-J-9-8-4 |
| East | . | ♠ | Q-10-4 | ♥ | 8-6-5-3 | ♣ | 7-3 | ♦ | 10-7-6-3 |
| South | . | ♠ | K-6 | ♥ | A-Q-J-10-9-4-2 | ♣ | K-J-8 | ♦ | A |

| | | <i>1st round</i> | <i>2d round</i> | <i>3d round</i> |
|-------|---|------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| West | . | . | 1 no-trump | 2 no-trump |
| North | . | . | pass | pass |
| East | . | . | pass | pass |
| South | . | . | 2 hearts | double |

DEAL No. 2

| Tricks | N | E | S | W |
|----------|----|-----|-----|-----|
| 1 . . . | ♦Q | ♦3 | ♦A | ♦K |
| 2 . . . | 2♠ | ♥3 | ♥A | ♥7 |
| 3 . . . | 2♣ | ♥5 | ♥2 | ♥K |
| 4 . . . | ♦J | ♦6 | ♥4 | ♦2 |
| 5 . . . | 9♣ | 3♣ | J♣ | Q♣ |
| 6 . . . | ♦8 | ♦10 | ♥9 | ♦5 |
| 7 . . . | 5♠ | Q♠ | K♠ | A♠ |
| 8 . . . | 7♠ | 4♠ | 6♠ | J♠ |
| 9 . . . | 8♠ | 10♠ | ♥10 | 3♠ |
| 10 . . . | 5♣ | 7♣ | 8♣ | 10♣ |
| 11 . . . | 6♣ | ♥6 | K♣ | A♣ |
| 12 . . . | ♦4 | ♦7 | ♥J | 9♠ |
| 13 . . . | ♦9 | ♥8 | ♥Q | 4♣ |

West secured ten tricks.

DEAL No. 3

| | | | | |
|-------|-------------|---------------|----------------|-----------------|
| West | ♠ A | ♥ A-6-2 | ♣ A-Q-J-10-6-3 | ♦ 7-5-3 |
| North | ♠ 10-8-6-2 | ♥ K-Q-J-9-5-3 | ♣ 7 | ♦ J-8 |
| East | ♠ 7-5-3 | ♥ None | ♣ 9-5-2 | ♦ A-K-Q-9-6-4-2 |
| South | ♠ K-Q-J-9-4 | ♥ 10-8-7-4 | ♣ K-8-4 | ♦ 10 |

*1st round**2d round*

| | | | |
|-------|-----------|------------|------------|
| West | | 1 no-trump | 3 no-trump |
| North | | 2 hearts | pass |
| East | | 3 diamonds | pass |
| South | | pass | pass |

DEAL No. 3

| Tricks | N | E | S | W |
|----------|-----|----|-----|-----|
| 1 . . . | ♥K | 3♠ | ♥7 | ♥A |
| 2 . . . | 2♠ | 5♠ | 4♠ | A♠ |
| 3 . . . | ♦8 | ♦Q | ♦10 | ♦3 |
| 4 . . . | ♦J | ♦A | ♥8 | ♦5 |
| 5 . . . | 6♠ | ♦K | ♥4 | ♦7 |
| 6 . . . | 8♠ | ♦9 | 9♠ | ♥2 |
| 7 . . . | 10♠ | ♦6 | J♠ | ♥6 |
| 8 . . . | ♥3 | ♦4 | Q♠ | 3♣ |
| 9 . . . | ♥5 | ♦2 | ♥10 | 10♣ |
| 10 . . . | 7♣ | 9♣ | 4♣ | 6♣ |
| 11 . . . | ♥9 | 5♣ | 8♣ | J♣ |
| 12 . . . | ♥J | 2♣ | K♣ | A♣ |
| 13 . . . | ♥Q | 7♠ | K♠ | Q♣ |

West secured a grand slam.

DEAL No. 4

| | | | | | |
|-------|---------|-------------|--------------|-------------|-------------|
| West | | ♠ Q-5 | ♥ K-5-4 | ♣ A-K-9-7-4 | ♦ A-K-J |
| North | | ♠ 10-8-7 | ♥ 9-6 | ♣ Q-8-6 | ♦ Q-8-5-4-2 |
| East | | ♠ K-9-6-4-2 | ♥ A-7-3 | ♣ J-10-5 | ♦ 9-7 |
| South | | ♠ A-J-3 | ♥ Q-J-10-8-2 | ♣ 3-2 | ♦ 10-6-3 |

| | <i>1st round</i> | <i>2d round</i> |
|-------|--------------------|-----------------|
| West | 1 no-trump | 2 no-trump |
| North | pass | pass |
| East | pass | pass |
| South | 2 hearts | pass |

DEAL No. 4

| Tricks | N | E | S | W |
|----------|-----|-----|-----|----|
| 1 . . . | ♥9 | ♥3 | ♥2 | ♥4 |
| 2 . . . | ♥6 | ♥A | ♥8 | ♥5 |
| 3 . . . | Q♣ | J♣ | 2♣ | 4♣ |
| 4 . . . | ♦4 | ♦7 | ♦10 | ♦J |
| 5 . . . | 7♠ | 2♠ | 3♠ | Q♠ |
| 6 . . . | 6♣ | 10♣ | 3♣ | 7♣ |
| 7 . . . | 8♣ | 5♣ | ♦3 | 9♣ |
| 8 . . . | 8♠ | ♦9 | ♦6 | A♣ |
| 9 . . . | ♦2 | ♥7 | ♥10 | K♣ |
| 10 . . . | ♦5 | 4♠ | ♥J | ♦A |
| 11 . . . | ♦8 | 6♠ | ♥Q | ♦K |
| 12 . . . | 10♠ | 9♠ | J♠ | ♥K |
| 13 . . . | ♦Q | K♠ | A♠ | 5♠ |

West secured ten tricks.

DEAL No. 5

| | | | | | |
|-------|-------|--------------|-------------|--------------|-------------|
| West | . . . | ♠ A-K-4 | ♥ A-K-Q-5-4 | ♣ 7-6-3 | ♦ 9-7 |
| North | . . . | ♠ 10-8-7-3-2 | ♥ 3 | ♣ K-4 | ♦ J-8-6-4-2 |
| East | . . . | ♠ Q-J-9-6 | ♥ 10-7-6 | ♣ Q-9-5 | ♦ K-10-5 |
| South | . . . | ♠ 5 | ♥ J-9-8-2 | ♣ A-J-10-8-2 | ♦ A-Q-3 |

*2d round**1st round*

| | | | |
|-------|-------|---------|----------|
| West | . . . | 1 heart | 2 hearts |
| North | . . . | pass | pass |
| East | . . . | pass | pass |
| South | . . . | 2 clubs | pass |

DEAL No. 5

| Tricks | N | E | S | W |
|----------|-----|-----|-----|----|
| 1 . . . | K♣ | 5♣ | 2♣ | 3♣ |
| 2 . . . | 4♣ | 9♣ | 10♣ | 7♣ |
| 3 . . . | ♥3 | Q♣ | A♣ | 6♣ |
| 4 . . . | ♦4 | ♦5 | ♦Q | ♦9 |
| 5 . . . | ♦6 | ♦10 | ♦A | ♦7 |
| 6 . . . | 10♠ | J♠ | 5♠ | 4♠ |
| 7 . . . | ♦2 | ♥10 | ♥J | ♥Q |
| 8 . . . | ♦8 | ♥6 | ♥2 | ♥A |
| 9 . . . | ♦J | ♥7 | ♥8 | ♥K |
| 10 . . . | 2♠ | 6♠ | ♥9 | A♠ |
| 11 . . . | 3♠ | 9♠ | J♣ | ♥4 |
| 12 . . . | 7♠ | Q♠ | ♦3 | K♠ |
| 13 . . . | 8♠ | ♦K | 8♣ | ♥5 |

West secured seven tricks only.

DEAL No. 6

| | | | | | |
|-------|-------|--------------|------------|----------------|--------------|
| West | . . . | ♠ A-K-7-3 | ♥ A-8-6 | ♣ A-7-3 | ♦ A-K-Q |
| North | . . . | ♠ none | ♥ K-Q-J-7 | ♣ K-Q-J-10-9-2 | ♦ 9-7-2 |
| East | . . . | ♠ J-6-5-2 | ♥ 10-9-4-2 | ♣ 8-5-4 | ♦ 5-4 |
| South | . . . | ♠ Q-10-9-8-4 | ♥ 5-3 | ♣ 6 | ♦ J-10-8-6-3 |

| | <i>1st round</i> | <i>2d round</i> |
|-------|------------------|-----------------|
| West | | 2 no-trump |
| North | | pass |
| East | | pass |
| South | | pass |

DEAL No. 6

| Tricks | N | E | S | W |
|----------|-----|-----|-----|----|
| 1 . . . | K♣ | 4♣ | 6♣ | 3♣ |
| 2 . . . | 10♣ | 5♣ | ♥3 | A♣ |
| 3 . . . | ♦2 | 2♠ | 4♠ | K♠ |
| 4 . . . | ♦7 | ♦4 | ♦3 | ♦A |
| 5 . . . | ♦9 | ♦5 | ♦6 | ♦K |
| 6 . . . | ♥7 | 8♣ | ♦8 | ♦Q |
| 7 . . . | ♥J | ♥2 | ♥5 | ♥A |
| 8 . . . | ♥K | 5♠ | 8♠ | 3♠ |
| 9 . . . | 2♣ | ♥4 | ♦J | 7♣ |
| 10 . . . | 9♣ | ♥9 | ♦10 | ♥6 |
| 11 . . . | J♣ | J♠ | 9♠ | 7♠ |
| 12 . . . | Q♣ | 6♠ | 10♠ | A♠ |
| 13 . . . | ♥Q | ♥10 | Q♠ | ♥8 |

West secured eight tricks.

DEAL No. 7

| | | | | | |
|-------|-------|-------------|--------------|---------------|-------------|
| North | . . . | ♠ K-Q-10 | ♥ K-9-8-5-3 | ♣ Q-9 | ♦ K-6-4 |
| East | . . . | ♠ 9-8-6-5 | ♥ 4-2 | ♣ J-8-7-6-5-4 | ♦ 5 |
| South | . . . | ♠ A-J-7-3-2 | ♥ 6 | ♣ A-10-3 | ♦ Q-10-3-2 |
| West | . . . | ♠ 4 | ♥ A-Q-J-10-7 | ♣ K-2 | ♦ A-J-9-8-7 |

| | <i>1st round</i> | <i>2d round</i> | <i>3d round</i> |
|-------|------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| North | . . . 2 spades | 2 no-trump | double |
| East | . . . pass | pass | pass |
| South | . . . 1 no-trump | pass | pass |
| West | . . . 2 hearts | 3 hearts | pass |

DEAL No. 7

| Tricks | N | E | S | W |
|----------|-----|----|-----|-----|
| 1 . . . | K♠ | 5♠ | A♠ | 4♠ |
| 2 . . . | ♥K | ♥2 | ♥6 | ♥10 |
| 3 . . . | ♥9 | ♥4 | 2♠ | ♥J |
| 4 . . . | ♦4 | ♦5 | ♦2 | ♦A |
| 5 . . . | ♦6 | 4♣ | ♦10 | ♦9 |
| 6 . . . | 10♠ | 6♠ | 3♠ | ♥7 |
| 7 . . . | ♦K | 5♣ | ♦3 | ♦J |
| 8 . . . | Q♠ | 8♠ | 7♠ | ♥Q |
| 9 . . . | ♥3 | 6♣ | 3♣ | ♥A |
| 10 . . . | 9♣ | 7♣ | ♦Q | ♦8 |
| 11 . . . | Q♣ | 8♣ | A♣ | 2♣ |
| 12 . . . | ♥5 | 9♠ | J♠ | ♦7 |
| 13 . . . | ♥8 | J♣ | 10♣ | K♣ |

West secured five tricks only.

DEAL No. 8

| | | | | | | |
|-------|---|---|-----------|------------|-----------|--------------|
| East | . | . | ♠ A-K-9-6 | ♥ 6-5-2 | ♣ K-J-7-6 | ♦ J-3 |
| South | . | . | ♠ J-4-2 | ♥ Q-J-10-4 | ♣ 5-3-2 | ♦ A-K-8 |
| West | . | . | ♠ Q-5-3 | ♥ K-9-8 | ♣ A-Q-9-8 | ♦ 5-4-2 |
| North | . | . | ♠ 10-8-7 | ♥ A-7-3 | ♣ 10-4 | ♦ Q-10-9-7-6 |

| | <i>1st round</i> | <i>2d round</i> |
|-------|----------------------|-----------------|
| East | 2 spades | pass |
| South | pass | pass |
| West | 1 no-trump | |
| North | pass | |

DEAL No. 8

| Tricks | N | E | S | W |
|----------|-----|----|-----|----|
| 1 . . . | ♦7 | ♦J | ♦K | ♦2 |
| 2 . . . | ♦Q | ♦3 | ♦A | ♦4 |
| 3 . . . | ♥7 | ♥2 | ♥Q | ♥8 |
| 4 . . . | ♥3 | ♥5 | ♥J | ♥9 |
| 5 . . . | ♥A | ♥6 | ♥4 | ♥K |
| 6 . . . | ♦10 | 6♠ | ♦8 | ♦5 |
| 7 . . . | ♦9 | 9♠ | 2♣ | 8♣ |
| 8 . . . | ♦6 | 6♣ | 3♣ | 3♠ |
| 9 . . . | 7♠ | K♠ | 2♠ | 5♠ |
| 10 . . . | 8♠ | A♠ | 4♠ | Q♠ |
| 11 . . . | 4♣ | K♣ | 5♣ | 9♣ |
| 12 . . . | 10♣ | J♣ | ♥10 | Q♣ |
| 13 . . . | 10♠ | 7♣ | J♠ | A♣ |

West secured five tricks only.

DEAL No. 9

| | | | | |
|-----------|----------------|------------|------------|-----------|
| West . . | ♠ A-Q-J-10-9-3 | ♥ 8-6-2 | ♣ J | ♦ A-J-4 |
| North . . | ♠ 6-5 | ♥ J-7-5 | ♣ A-K-Q-10 | ♦ Q-8-5-2 |
| East . . | ♠ 8-4 | ♥ K-Q-10-3 | ♣ 9-7-4-3 | ♦ 10-6-3 |
| South . . | ♠ K-7-2 | ♥ A-9-4 | ♣ 8-6-5-2 | ♦ K-9-7 |

Score 0-0. West bid two lilies and the other players passed.

DEAL No. 9

| Tricks | N | E | S | W |
|----------|-----|-----|----|-----|
| 1 . . . | K♣ | 3♣ | 2♣ | J♣ |
| 2 . . . | 10♣ | 4♣ | 5♣ | 9♠ |
| 3 . . . | ♥5 | ♥Q | ♥A | ♥2 |
| 4 . . . | ♦Q | ♦3 | ♦7 | ♦4 |
| 5 . . . | Q♣ | 7♣ | 6♣ | 10♠ |
| 6 . . . | ♥7 | ♥10 | ♥4 | ♥6 |
| 7 . . . | 5♠ | 8♠ | 2♠ | 3♠ |
| 8 . . . | 6♠ | 4♠ | 7♠ | J♠ |
| 9 . . . | ♦2 | 9♣ | K♠ | A♠ |
| 10 . . . | ♥J | ♥K | ♥9 | ♥8 |
| 11 . . . | ♦5 | ♥3 | 8♣ | ♦J |
| 12 . . . | ♦8 | ♦6 | ♦9 | ♦A |
| 13 . . . | A♣ | ♦10 | ♦K | Q♠ |

West secured ten tricks and game.

DEAL No. 10

| | | | | |
|-----------|----------------|--------------|------------|-----------|
| West . . | ♠ K-Q-J-10-9-5 | ♥ none | ♣ 7-6-5 | ♦ A-K-Q-J |
| North . . | ♠ A-8-3 | ♥ A-J-3 | ♣ A-K-Q-9 | ♦ 8-7-3 |
| East . . | ♠ 7-4-2 | ♥ 10-9-7-6-5 | ♣ J-2 | ♦ 6-5-4 |
| South . . | ♠ 6 | ♥ K-Q-8-4-2 | ♣ 10-8-4-3 | ♦ 10-9-2 |

Score 0-0, rubber game.

| | <i>1st round</i> | <i>2d round</i> | <i>3d round</i> |
|-------------|------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| West . . . | 3 lilies | 4 lilies | pass |
| North . . . | 3 no-trump | double | |
| East . . . | pass | pass | |
| South . . . | pass | pass | |

DEAL No. 10

| Tricks | N | E | S | W |
|----------|----|-----|-----|-----|
| 1 . . . | K♣ | 2♣ | 3♣ | 5♣ |
| 2 . . . | 3♠ | 2♠ | 6♠ | 9♠ |
| 3 . . . | Q♣ | J♣ | 4♣ | 6♣ |
| 4 . . . | A♠ | 4♠ | ◇2 | 5♠ |
| 5 . . . | 8♠ | 7♠ | 8♣ | 10♠ |
| 6 . . . | ◇3 | ◇4 | 10♣ | K♠ |
| 7 . . . | ◇7 | ◇5 | ♡4 | Q♠ |
| 8 . . . | ◇8 | ◇6 | ♡2 | J♠ |
| 9 . . . | ♡3 | ♡5 | ◇9 | ◇A |
| 10 . . . | 9♣ | ♡6 | ◇10 | ◇K |
| 11 . . . | ♡J | ♡7 | ♡8 | ◇Q |
| 12 . . . | ♡A | ♡9 | ♡Q | ◇J |
| 13 . . . | A♣ | ♡10 | ♡K | 7♣ |

West secured but nine tricks and lost his contract.

DEAL No. 11

| | | | | |
|-------|--------------|---------------|----------------|--------------|
| East | ♠ K-8-3 | ♥ A-J-9-6-3-2 | ♣ 7-6 | ♦ Q-5 |
| South | ♠ Q-5-2 | ♥ K-8-7-4 | ♣ 8 | ♦ K-J-10-8-6 |
| West | ♠ A-J-10-7-6 | ♥ 10-5 | ♣ A-Q-4-3 | ♦ A-4 |
| North | ♠ 9-4 | ♥ Q | ♣ K-J-10-9-5-2 | ♦ 9-7-3-2 |

| | <i>1st round</i> | <i>2d round</i> |
|-------|------------------|-----------------|
| East | | 1 heart pass |
| South | | 2 diamonds pass |
| West | | 2 lilies |
| North | | pass |

DEAL No. 11

| Tricks | N | E | S | W |
|----------|-----|----|-----|-----|
| 1 . . . | ♥Q | ♥A | ♥4 | ♥5 |
| 2 . . . | 4♠ | 3♠ | 2♠ | 10♠ |
| 3 . . . | 9♠ | 8♠ | 5♠ | A♠ |
| 4 . . . | ♦2 | ♥2 | ♥7 | ♥10 |
| 5 . . . | 2♣ | 6♣ | 8♣ | A♣ |
| 6 . . . | ♦3 | K♠ | Q♠ | 6♠ |
| 7 . . . | ♦7 | ♥J | ♥K | 3♣ |
| 8 . . . | ♦9 | ♦Q | ♦10 | ♦4 |
| 9 . . . | 5♣ | ♥9 | ♥8 | 4♣ |
| 10 . . . | 9♣ | ♥6 | ♦6 | Q♣ |
| 11 . . . | 10♣ | ♥3 | ♦8 | ♦A |
| 12 . . . | J♣ | ♦5 | ♦J | 7♠ |
| 13 . . . | K♣ | 7♣ | ♦K | J♠ |

West secured a small slam.

DEAL No. 12

| | | | | | |
|-------|-------|------------|------------|----------------|--------------|
| West | . . . | ♠ 10-8-4-2 | ♥ A-10-8-4 | ♣ A | ♦ K-Q-6-3 |
| North | . . . | ♠ J-6-5 | ♥ 9-3 | ♣ Q-10-9-7-6-4 | ♦ 9-2 |
| East | . . . | ♠ K-Q | ♥ Q-J-5 | ♣ J-5-3 | ♦ J-10-8-5-4 |
| South | . . . | ♠ A-9-7-3 | ♥ K-7-6-2 | ♣ K-8-2 | ♦ A-7 |

Score 0-0. West dealt and bid one no-trump, and there was no other bidding.

DEAL No. 12

| Tricks | N | E | S | W |
|----------|-----|-----|----|-----|
| 1 . . . | 7♣ | 3♣ | 2♣ | A♣ |
| 2 . . . | ♦2 | ♦4 | ♦A | ♦K |
| 3 . . . | 4♣ | 5♣ | K♣ | ♦3 |
| 4 . . . | Q♣ | J♣ | 8♣ | 2♠ |
| 5 . . . | 10♣ | ♥5 | 7♠ | 4♠ |
| 6 . . . | 9♣ | ♦5 | 3♠ | 8♠ |
| 7 . . . | 6♣ | ♦8 | ♥2 | 10♠ |
| 8 . . . | 5♠ | Q♠ | A♠ | ♥4 |
| 9 . . . | 6♠ | K♠ | 9♠ | ♥8 |
| 10 . . . | ♦9 | ♦10 | ♦7 | ♦Q |
| 11 . . . | ♥3 | ♦J | ♥6 | ♦6 |
| 12 . . . | ♥9 | ♥Q | ♥7 | ♥10 |
| 13 . . . | J♠ | ♥J | ♥K | ♥A |

West secured six tricks only.

DEAL No. 13

| | | | | |
|-------------|------------|---------------|------------|------------|
| West . . . | ♠ A-5 | ♥ A-K-Q-J-9-6 | ♣ 9-6 | ♦ K-5-4 |
| North . . . | ♠ Q-10-7-6 | ♥ 7-3 | ♣ A-Q-10-3 | ♦ Q-7-3 |
| East . . . | ♠ J-8-4-3 | ♥ 8-5 | ♣ 8-7-5-2 | ♦ A-8-6 |
| South . . . | ♠ K-9-2 | ♥ 10-4-2 | ♣ K-J-4 | ♦ J-10-9-2 |

Score 0-0, rubber game.

West dealt and bid two hearts. There was no further bidding.

DEAL No. 13

| Tricks | N | E | S | W |
|----------|-----|----|-----|----|
| 1 . . . | 6♠ | 3♠ | 2♠ | A♠ |
| 2 . . . | ♥3 | ♥5 | ♥2 | ♥A |
| 3 . . . | ♥7 | ♥8 | ♥4 | ♥K |
| 4 . . . | 7♠ | 2♣ | ♥10 | ♥Q |
| 5 . . . | 3♣ | 5♣ | ♦2 | ♥J |
| 6 . . . | Q♠ | 4♠ | 9♠ | 5♠ |
| 7 . . . | A♣ | 7♣ | 4♣ | 6♣ |
| 8 . . . | 10♣ | 8♣ | K♣ | 9♣ |
| 9 . . . | Q♣ | 8♠ | J♣ | ♥6 |
| 10 . . . | 10♠ | ♦6 | ♦9 | ♥9 |
| 11 . . . | ♦3 | ♦A | ♦10 | ♦4 |
| 12 . . . | ♦7 | ♦8 | ♦J | ♦K |
| 13 . . . | ♦Q | J♠ | K♠ | ♦5 |

West secured nine tricks.

DEAL No. 14

| | | | | |
|------------|---------------|---------------|-------------|-----------|
| West . . . | ♠ A-K-Q-5-4-3 | ♥ A-J | ♣ 6 | ♦ 9-5-4-2 |
| North . . | ♠ 8-7-2 | ♥ K-10-3 | ♣ Q-J-7-2 | ♦ A-K-Q |
| East . . . | ♠ J-10-9 | ♥ 8-6 | ♣ A-9-8-5-3 | ♦ J-6-3 |
| South . . | ♠ 6 | ♥ Q-9-7-5-4-2 | ♣ K-10-4 | ♦ 10-8-7 |

West bid two lilies and there was no further bidding.

DEAL No. 14

| Tricks | N | E | S | W |
|----------|-----|-----|-----|----|
| 1 . . . | ♦K | ♦3 | ♦7 | ♦2 |
| 2 . . . | ♦Q | ♦6 | ♦8 | ♦4 |
| 3 . . . | ♦A | ♦J | ♦10 | ♦5 |
| 4 . . . | 2♣ | A♣ | 4♣ | 6♣ |
| 5 . . . | 7♣ | 5♣ | K♣ | Q♠ |
| 6 . . . | 2♠ | 9♠ | 6♠ | 3♠ |
| 7 . . . | J♣ | 3♣ | 10♣ | K♠ |
| 8 . . . | 7♠ | 10♠ | ♥2 | 4♠ |
| 9 . . . | Q♣ | 8♣ | ♥4 | A♠ |
| 10 . . . | 8♠ | J♠ | ♥5 | 5♠ |
| 11 . . . | ♥3 | 9♣ | ♥7 | ♥J |
| 12 . . . | ♥10 | ♥6 | ♥9 | ♥A |
| 13 . . . | ♥K | ♥8 | ♥Q | ♦9 |

West secured ten tricks and game.

DEAL No. 15

| | | | | | |
|-------|-------|-------------|------------|-------------|---------------|
| South | . . . | ♠ Q-10-4-2 | ♥ A-10-8-3 | ♣ K-6 | ♦ K-Q-7 |
| West | . . . | ♠ A-3 | ♥ K-Q | ♣ A-10-3 | ♦ A-J-9-8-6-2 |
| North | . . . | ♠ J-9-8-7-5 | ♥ J-5-2 | ♣ 8-7-4 | ♦ 5-3 |
| East | . . . | ♠ K-6 | ♥ 9-7-6-4 | ♣ Q-J-9-5-2 | ♦ 10-4 |

| | <i>1st round</i> | <i>2d round</i> |
|-------|------------------|-----------------|
| South | . . . 1 no-trump | pass |
| West | . . . 2 no-trump | |
| North | . . . pass | |
| East | . . . pass | |

DEAL No. 15

| Tricks | N | E | S | W |
|----------|----|-----|-----|-----|
| 1 . . . | 7♠ | K♠ | 4♠ | 3♠ |
| 2 . . . | 4♣ | Q♣ | K♣ | A♣ |
| 3 . . . | 7♣ | J♣ | 6♣ | 10♣ |
| 4 . . . | ♦3 | ♦10 | ♦Q | ♦A |
| 5 . . . | ♦5 | ♦4 | ♦K | ♦J |
| 6 . . . | 5♠ | 6♠ | Q♠ | A♠ |
| 7 . . . | 8♣ | ♥4 | ♦7 | ♦9 |
| 8 . . . | ♥2 | ♥6 | ♥8 | ♦8 |
| 9 . . . | ♥5 | ♥7 | ♥3 | ♦6 |
| 10 . . . | 8♠ | ♥9 | ♥10 | ♦2 |
| 11 . . . | ♥J | 9♣ | 2♠ | 3♣ |
| 12 . . . | 9♠ | 5♣ | 10♠ | ♥Q |
| 13 . . . | J♠ | 2♣ | ♥A | ♥K |

West secured a small slam.

DEAL No. 16

| | | | | |
|-------|------------|----------------|---------------|----------------|
| West | ♠ A-J-10-2 | ♥ 9-6 | ♣ A-K-Q-8-5-4 | ♦ 5 |
| North | ♠ K-Q-6 | ♥ A-10-8-5-4-2 | ♣ 9-6-3 | ♦ 7 |
| East | ♠ 9-8-5-3 | ♥ K-Q-J | ♣ none | ♦ A-K-10-9-6-2 |
| South | ♠ 7-4 | ♥ 7-3 | ♣ J-10-7-2 | ♦ Q-J-8-4-3 |

| | <i>1st round</i> | <i>2d round</i> |
|-------|------------------|-----------------|
| West | | 1 no-trump |
| North | | 2 hearts |
| East | | 2 no-trump |
| South | | pass |

DEAL No. 16

| Tricks | N | E | S | W |
|----------|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| 1 . . . | ♥5 | ♥J | ♥3 | ♥6 |
| 2 . . . | K♠ | 3♠ | 4♠ | 10♠ |
| 3 . . . | ♥A | ♥Q | ♥7 | ♥9 |
| 4 . . . | ♥2 | ♥K | ♦3 | 4♣ |
| 5 . . . | 6♠ | 5♠ | 7♠ | A♠ |
| 6 . . . | 3♣ | 8♠ | 2♣ | A♣ |
| 7 . . . | 6♣ | 9♠ | 7♣ | K♣ |
| 8 . . . | 9♣ | ♦2 | 10♣ | Q♣ |
| 9 . . . | ♦7 | ♦9 | ♦J | ♦5 |
| 10 . . . | ♥4 | ♦6 | J♣ | 5♣ |
| 11 . . . | ♥8 | ♦10 | ♦4 | 2♠ |
| 12 . . . | ♥10 | ♦A | ♦8 | J♠ |
| 13 . . . | Q♠ | ♦K | ♦Q | 8♣ |

West secured nine tricks.

DEAL No. 17

| | | | | |
|-------|------------|-------------|------------------|-------------|
| West | ♠ A-10-8-3 | ♥ A-8-4 | ♣ 4 | ♦ A-K-9-4-2 |
| North | ♠ J-6 | ♥ K-J-7-6-2 | ♣ A-9 | ♦ J-8-7-6 |
| East | ♠ Q-4-2 | ♥ Q-10-9 | ♣ K-Q-J-10-7-6-3 | ♦ none |
| South | ♠ K-9-7-5 | ♥ 5-3 | ♣ 8-5-2 | ♦ Q-10-5-3 |

| | <i>1st round</i> | <i>2d round</i> |
|-------|----------------------|-----------------|
| West | 1 no-trump | pass |
| North | 2 hearts | pass |
| East | 2 no-trump | |
| South | pass | |

DEAL No. 17

| Tricks | N | E | S | W |
|----------|----|-----|-----|-----|
| 1 . . . | ♥6 | ♥9 | ♥3 | ♥4 |
| 2 . . . | 9♣ | 10♣ | 2♣ | 4♣ |
| 3 . . . | A♣ | K♣ | 5♣ | ♦2 |
| 4 . . . | J♠ | Q♠ | K♠ | A♠ |
| 5 . . . | ♥K | ♥10 | ♥5 | ♥4 |
| 6 . . . | 6♠ | 2♠ | 9♠ | 10♠ |
| 7 . . . | ♥2 | 4♠ | 5♠ | 8♠ |
| 8 . . . | ♥7 | ♥Q | 8♣ | ♥8 |
| 9 . . . | ♥J | Q♣ | ♦3 | 3♠ |
| 10 . . . | ♦6 | J♣ | ♦5 | ♦4 |
| 11 . . . | ♦7 | 7♣ | ♦10 | ♦9 |
| 12 . . . | ♦8 | 6♣ | ♦Q | ♦K |
| 13 . . . | ♦J | 3♣ | 7♠ | ♦A |

West secured eleven tricks.

DEAL No. 18

| | | | | |
|-------------|--------------|-----------|--------------|-----------|
| West . . . | ♠ A-Q-5 | ♥ A-Q-6-3 | ♣ 5-4 | ♦ K-9-8-2 |
| North . . . | ♠ 8-6 | ♥ 9-4-2 | ♣ K-10-9-8-2 | ♦ A-Q-6 |
| East . . . | ♠ K-10-9-7-4 | ♥ K-J-5 | ♣ Q-6 | ♦ 7-4-3 |
| South . . . | ♠ J-3-2 | ♥ 10-8-7 | ♣ A-J-7-3 | ♦ J-10-5 |

Score 0-0. West bid one no-trump and the other players passed.

DEAL No. 18

| Tricks | N | E | S | W |
|----------|-----|-----|-----|----|
| 1 . . . | 8♣ | Q♣ | A♣ | 4♣ |
| 2 . . . | 10♣ | 6♣ | J♣ | 5♣ |
| 3 . . . | ♦6 | ♦3 | ♦J | ♦2 |
| 4 . . . | ♦A | ♦4 | ♦10 | ♦K |
| 5 . . . | K♣ | ♦7 | 7♣ | 5♠ |
| 6 . . . | 9♣ | 4♠ | 3♣ | ♥3 |
| 7 . . . | 2♣ | 7♠ | ♦5 | ♦8 |
| 8 . . . | ♦Q | 9♠ | ♥7 | ♦9 |
| 9 . . . | 8♠ | K♠ | 2♠ | Q♠ |
| 10 . . . | ♥2 | ♥K | ♥8 | ♥6 |
| 11 . . . | ♥4 | ♥J | ♥10 | ♥Q |
| 12 . . . | ♥9 | ♥5 | 3♠ | ♥A |
| 13 . . . | 6♠ | 10♠ | J♠ | A♠ |

West secured five tricks only.

DEAL No. 19

| | | | | | |
|-------|-------|------------------|------------|-----------|-----------|
| West | . . . | ♠ 8 | ♥ A-J-8-2 | ♣ A-Q-J-9 | ♦ K-Q-9-4 |
| North | . . . | ♠ Q-6 | ♥ Q-10-7-5 | ♣ 10-6-2 | ♦ A-7-5-3 |
| East | . . . | ♠ K-J-5 | ♥ K-9-4 | ♣ K-8-5 | ♦ J-8-6-2 |
| South | . . . | ♠ A-10-9-7-4-3-2 | ♥ 6-3 | ♣ 7-4-3 | ♦ 10 |

| | <i>1st round</i> | <i>2d round</i> | <i>3d round</i> |
|-------|------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| West | . . . 1 no-trump | pass | pass |
| North | . . . pass | pass | pass |
| East | . . . pass | 2 no-trump | |
| South | . . . 2 lilies | pass | |

DEAL No. 19

| Tricks | N | E | S | W |
|---------|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| 1 . . . | Q ♠ | 5 ♠ | 2 ♠ | 8 ♠ |
| 2 . . . | 6 ♠ | J ♠ | A ♠ | ♥2 |
| 3 . . . | ♦A | ♦2 | ♦10 | ♦4 |

West secured ten tricks.

DEAL No. 20

| | | | | |
|-------------|-------------|--------------|------------|-------------|
| West . . . | ♠ Q-J-8-7-2 | ♥ A-5 | ♣ A-7-3-2 | ♦ K-7 |
| North . . . | ♠ K-5 | ♥ K-J-10-7-3 | ♣ Q-10-8-6 | ♦ 10-4 |
| East . . . | ♠ 10-4 | ♥ Q-6-2 | ♣ K-J-5 | ♦ Q-J-9-6-2 |
| South . . . | ♠ A-9-6-3 | ♥ 9-8-4 | ♣ 9-4 | ♦ A-8-5-3 |

| | <i>1st round</i> | <i>2d round</i> |
|-------------|------------------|-----------------|
| West . . . | 1 no-trump | 2 lilies |
| North . . . | 2 hearts | pass |
| East . . . | pass | pass |
| South . . . | pass | pass |

DEAL No. 20

| Tricks | N | E | S | W |
|----------|-----|-----|----|----|
| 1 . . . | ♦10 | ♦2 | ♦A | ♦K |
| 2 . . . | ♦4 | ♦9 | ♦3 | ♦7 |
| 3 . . . | K♠ | 10♠ | 3♠ | 2♠ |
| 4 . . . | ♥J | ♥Q | ♥4 | ♥5 |
| 5 . . . | 5♠ | 4♠ | 6♠ | J♠ |
| 6 . . . | 6♣ | J♣ | 4♣ | 2♣ |
| 7 . . . | ♥3 | ♦Q | ♦5 | 7♠ |
| 8 . . . | ♥7 | ♥2 | ♥8 | ♥A |
| 9 . . . | 8♣ | K♣ | 9♣ | 3♣ |
| 10 . . . | ♥10 | ♦J | ♦8 | 7♣ |
| 11 . . . | 10♣ | ♦6 | ♥9 | A♣ |
| 12 . . . | Q♣ | 5♣ | 9♠ | Q♠ |
| 13 . . . | ♥K | ♥6 | A♠ | 8♠ |

West secured ten tricks.

DEAL No. 21

| | | | | |
|---------|--------------|---------------|-----------|----------------|
| North . | ♠ 9-5-4 | ♥ A | ♣ 9-7-2 | ♦ A-K-J-10-9-3 |
| East . | ♠ A-K-Q-7 | ♥ K-Q-10-2 | ♣ A-K-Q-8 | ♦ 8 |
| South . | ♠ J-10-8-6-2 | ♥ J-8 | ♣ J-10-4 | ♦ 7-6-2 |
| West . | ♠ 3 | ♥ 9-7-6-5-4-3 | ♣ 6-5-3 | ♦ Q-5-4 |

| | <i>1st round</i> | <i>2d round</i> | <i>3d round</i> |
|-------------|------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| North . . . | 2 diamonds | 3 diamonds | pass |
| East . . . | 7 spades | 3 hearts | |
| South . . . | pass | pass | |
| West . . . | 2 hearts | pass | |

West secured eleven tricks.

DEAL No. 22

| | | | | |
|-------------|--------------|-------------|-----------|----------------|
| North . . . | ♠ A | ♥ J-7-4 | ♣ 10-8-4 | ♦ A-J-10-8-4-2 |
| East . . . | ♠ K-Q-6-4 | ♥ A-K | ♣ A-Q-7-3 | ♦ 9-7-3 |
| South . . . | ♠ J-8-3 | ♥ Q-10-2 | ♣ J-9-5 | ♦ K-Q-6-5 |
| West . . . | ♠ 10-9-7-5-2 | ♥ 9-8-6-5-3 | ♣ K-6-2 | ♦ none |

Score 0-0. North dealt.

| | <i>1st round</i> | <i>2d round</i> |
|-------------|------------------|-----------------|
| North . . . | 2 diamonds | pass |
| East . . . | 7 spades | pass |
| South . . . | 3 diamonds | pass |
| West . . . | 3 lilies | |

West secured a small slam.

DEAL No. 23

| | | | | |
|-------------|-----------|------------|---------------|-------------|
| North . . . | ♠ K-10 | ♥ Q-8-7 | ♣ A-K-Q-9-5-4 | ♦ Q-5 |
| East . . . | ♠ A-Q-6-2 | ♥ K-J-10-2 | ♣ 3 | ♦ A-K-9-2 |
| South . . . | ♠ J-9-7-3 | ♥ 9-6-5-4 | ♣ J-8-2 | ♦ 10-6 |
| West . . . | ♠ 8-5-4 | ♥ A-3 | ♣ 10-7-6 | ♦ J-8-7-4-3 |

| | <i>1st round</i> | <i>2d round</i> |
|-------------|------------------|-----------------|
| North . . . | 1 no-trump | pass |
| East . . . | 5 spades | pass |
| South . . . | pass | pass |
| West . . . | 2 diamonds | |

West secured a small slam.

DEAL No. 24

| | | | | | |
|-------|-------|-----------|------------|-------------|-------------|
| North | . . . | ♠ K-10-4 | ♥ A-J-9-6 | ♣ K-10 | ♦ A-K-10-4 |
| East | . . . | ♠ A-Q-J-9 | ♥ K-10-7-3 | ♣ A-Q-J-4 | ♦ J |
| South | . . . | ♠ 8-6-3-2 | ♥ 8-5 | ♣ 9-7 | ♦ Q-8-7-5-2 |
| West | . . . | ♠ 7-5 | ♥ Q-4-2 | ♣ 8-6-5-3-2 | ♦ 9-6-3 |

| | <i>1st round</i> | <i>2d round</i> | <i>3d round</i> |
|-------|------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| North | . . . | 1 no-trump | 2 no-trump |
| East | . . . | 5 spades | 4 clubs |
| South | . . . | pass | pass |
| West | . . . | 2 clubs | pass |

West secured eleven tricks.

DEAL No. 25

| | | | | |
|-------------|------------|-------------|------------|-------------|
| South . . . | ♠ 8-6-5 | ♥ A-K-J-8-6 | ♣ Q-3 | ♦ 10-7-3 |
| West . . . | ♠ A-K-10-2 | ♥ 5 | ♣ A-K-J | ♦ A-K-J-9-2 |
| North . . . | ♠ J-9 | ♥ Q-10-7-3 | ♣ 10-9-7-4 | ♦ 8-5-4 |
| East . . . | ♠ Q-7-4-3 | ♥ 9-4-2 | ♣ 8-6-5-2 | ♦ Q-6 |

| | <i>1st round</i> | <i>2d round</i> | <i>3d round</i> |
|-------------|------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| South . . . | 1 heart | pass | pass |
| West . . . | 5 spades | 2 diamonds | |
| North . . . | pass | pass | |
| East . . . | 6 spades | pass | |

West secured a small slam.

DEAL No. 26

| | | | | |
|-------------|------------|-------------|--------------|-----------|
| East . . . | ♠ J-10-9-6 | ♥ A-Q-10 | ♣ Q-7-6-3 | ♦ A-4 |
| South . . . | ♠ K-4 | ♥ J-9-4 | ♣ A-10-9-4-2 | ♦ 10-7-3 |
| West . . . | ♠ 8-7-3-2 | ♥ 8-6-5-3-2 | ♣ none | ♦ J-6-5-2 |
| North . . . | ♠ A-Q-5 | ♥ K-7 | ♣ K-J-8-5 | ♦ K-Q-9-8 |

| | <i>1st round</i> | <i>2d round</i> |
|-------------|------------------|-----------------|
| East . . . | . . . 1 no-trump | pass |
| South . . . | . . . pass | pass |
| West . . . | . . . 2 hearts | |
| North . . . | . . . pass | |

West secured eight tricks.

DEAL No. 27

| | | | | |
|-----------|------------|-------------|------------|------------------|
| West . . | ♠ A-Q-J | ♥ A-10-6-3 | ♣ K-Q-10-9 | ◇ A-J |
| North . . | ♠ K-9 | ♥ none | ♣ A-J-5-4 | ◇ K-Q-10-7-6-3-2 |
| East . . | ♠ 10-8-6-3 | ♥ K-J-8-4-2 | ♣ 6 | ◇ 9-5-4 |
| South . . | ♠ 7-5-4-2 | ♥ Q-9-7-5 | ♣ 8-7-3-2 | ◇ 8 |

| | <i>1st round</i> | <i>2d round</i> |
|---------------|------------------|-----------------|
| West | 1 no-trump | 2 no-trump |
| North | pass | pass |
| East | 2 hearts | pass |
| South | pass | pass |

West lost 150 points.

DEAL No. 28

| | | | | |
|-------------|-------------|-----------|-------------|----------------|
| West . . . | ♠ 8-7-5-4 | ♥ 8-5-4 | ♣ 9-7-5-4 | ♦ K-Q |
| North . . . | ♠ A-K-10 | ♥ K-9-6 | ♣ 10 | ♦ J-10-9-8-6-5 |
| East . . . | ♠ Q | ♥ J-7-3-2 | ♣ Q-8-6-3-2 | ♦ 7-4-3 |
| South . . . | ♠ J-9-6-3-2 | ♥ A-Q-10 | ♣ A-K-J | ♦ A-2 |

| | <i>1st round</i> | <i>2d round</i> | <i>3d round</i> | <i>4th round</i> | <i>5th round</i> |
|-------------|------------------|-----------------|-----------------|------------------|------------------|
| West . . . | 1 nullo | pass | pass | pass | pass |
| North . . . | 2 diamonds | pass | pass | 5 no-trump | pass |
| East . . . | 2 nullos | 3 nullos | 4 nullos | 5 nullos | pass |
| South . . . | 3 no-trump | 4 no-trump | pass | double | |

DEAL No. 28

| Tricks | N | E | S | W |
|----------|-----|----|-----|----|
| 1 . . . | 10♣ | 8♣ | K♣ | 9♣ |
| 2 . . . | A♠ | Q♣ | A♣ | 7♣ |
| 3 . . . | K♠ | 6♣ | J♣ | 4♣ |
| 4 . . . | 10♠ | Q♠ | J♠ | 8♠ |
| 5 . . . | ♦J | ♦7 | ♦A | ♦K |
| 6 . . . | ♥K | ♥J | ♥A | ♥8 |
| 7 . . . | ♥9 | ♥7 | ♥Q | ♥5 |
| 8 . . . | ♥6 | ♥3 | ♥10 | ♥4 |
| 9 . . . | ♦10 | ♦4 | ♦2 | ♦Q |
| 10 . . . | ♦9 | 3♣ | 3♠ | 4♠ |
| 11 . . . | ♦8 | 2♣ | 6♠ | 7♠ |
| 12 . . . | ♦6 | ♦3 | 2♠ | 5♠ |
| 13 . . . | ♦5 | ♥2 | 9♠ | 5♣ |

West was forced to take six tricks and lost 400.

DEAL No. 1

At trick six West knew that South could not hold the ace of hearts because he did not bid no-trump, his spade and diamond strength having been revealed.

But at trick six **North should have known that West had but one heart because South did not bid two diamonds.**

South showed exactly three clubs at tricks one and three. With four clubs he would have played the third-best on the first round. He could have but one more spade, probably the king, and therefore started with eight red cards.

Had South held five diamonds, including the ace and another honor, besides some strength in hearts and spades, he would certainly have bid two diamonds at the score. Therefore South could only have held four diamonds and must have held four hearts.

North should have played the ace of hearts at trick six and led the seven of spades.

DEAL No. 2

South was certain to score a big penalty against West had North been able to lead a heart. As it was West would still have lost except for his splendid play in throwing away the king of diamonds at trick one.

North lost at least one trick by his club discard.

DEAL No. 3

Had West gone at once to diamonds after winning the heart trick, it would have been bad play to take the club finesse afterward, as the game and contract might have been lost. By first leading the ace of spades he secured nine tricks before touching the club suit and could finesse with safety.

Observe also the discard of the club ten instead of club six at trick nine, enabling West to lead the suit twice from dummy.

DEAL No. 4

Had West won the first heart trick he would have failed to make game. He knew that South must have at least five hearts, and made it necessary for North to lead some other suit after winning the club trick.

DEAL No. 5

West would have made his contract had North failed to trump his partner's ace at trick three.

North could not afford to allow South to start either the spade or diamond suit, nor did he wish to show probable strength in either suit by discarding the other.

DEAL No. 6

After the spade situation was revealed at trick three it seemed impossible for West to secure more than seven tricks. His diamond leads enabled him to place the remaining cards accurately and by good play at tricks seven and eight, to secure the other trick.

At trick seven South was marked with four spades, two diamonds and one heart, and it was of vital importance for West to take away the one heart before making the clever spade play at trick eight.

DEAL No. 7

West would have secured eight or nine tricks had not South overtaken his partner's king of spades at trick one and led the trump. West would have saved two hundred points had he played the ace of hearts at trick two, played the ace and another diamond and then a club from dummy.

South asked himself at trick one in what manner dummy could help West, and the answer was obviously by trumping diamonds, and that danger South proceeded to remove.

DEAL No. 8

North defeated West by using a change-the-suit signal at trick two. This signal consists merely in playing an unnecessarily high card in your own suit, and it would have been bad play had not North held the heart ace.

When this deal was played the writer was North and his partner, an Eastern man, though a good player, had never heard of the convention. After a long study at trick three he said, "He either wants hearts or he's crazy."

West was certain North would not make the play without the ace of hearts (the obvious suit to lead to in dummy on account of its weakness) and saved one trick by refusing to play his king until trick five.

DEAL No. 9

West won the game by at once noting the value of the spade eight in dummy and making it possible to hold a trick with it, thus getting two trump leads from dummy at the expense of only one re-entry card.

DEAL No. 10

West would have made his contract had not North started trumps at trick two. The play would not have availed later.

North saw that dummy was not dangerous except in the club suit, and promptly removed that danger.

DEAL No. 11

West chose lilies instead of supporting hearts or going to no-trump, preferring to play the hand because his partner was not as good a player, and knowing that at no-trump he would lose the ace of diamonds at once.

The queen of hearts seemed a perfect opening, as West was marked with weakness in that suit, but it gave West his opportunity.

The trump finesse was necessary and the game looked easy after the second round of trumps. South made the position very difficult, however, by refusing to win the fourth trick and establish the heart suit in dummy.

West now reasoned that South must have had five diamonds originally, which with the queen of spades and two hearts left South but one other card, of course a club. West drew the club and the spade and forced South in the lead with the king of hearts and earned a little slam.

West would have lost the game had he not led the ace of clubs at trick five and might have lost his contract had he not grasped the possibilities of the deal at the outset.

DEAL No. 12

West would have made four odd tricks had South played the king of clubs at trick one.

By using the rule of eleven South could tell that West held but one club above the seven. He knew this must be the ace because South and the dummy held A-K-Q of spades, K-Q-J of hearts and A-J-10 of diamonds, and a no-trump bid would have been impossible by West without the club ace.

DEAL No. 13

Another use of the rule of eleven West could have but one spade above the six, and that must be the ace as North would not underlead an ace against a declared trump.

Should North be leading a short suit and West have all the remaining spades above the six the best play by South would still be the deuce.

West would have made game had South played the king of spades at trick one.

DEAL No. 14

West needed every trick after the first three for game and the heart jack was his only losing card. It would have been quite easy to secure ten tricks if each opponent held two trumps as the nine of diamonds would discard one heart in dummy. But West played carefully for game even if trumps were not so favorably divided, and by making every trump in dummy a re-entry succeeded in making a club at trick eleven.

DEAL No. 15

West would have lost several tricks and possibly game had he played out the club suit at once, as he would have been obliged to discard diamonds on the last two rounds of the club suit.

The prompt switch to diamonds gave a remarkable result against a good no-trump hand.

DEAL No. 16

West decided that North must have a possible re-entry from the manner in which he established his heart suit. West therefore took one more round of spades in order to rob South of his last one, then took three rounds of clubs in order to avoid having the lead thrust upon him after he had parted with his only diamond.

At trick nine West could count South with four diamonds and the jack of clubs, and by his good finesse compelled South to give him the last three tricks and game.

DEAL No. 17

A good instance of creating a re-entry in dummy by getting rid of a high card.

West would have failed to make the club suit and lost his contract had he allowed the nine of hearts to hold the first trick.

DEAL No. 18

With his club suit assured North played a change-the-suit signal at trick two and defeated the contract of West.

DEAL No. 19

This is a good illustration of blocking an adversary's suit. Had West played the king of spades at trick one South would have played low to establish a tenace over the knave, and West would have failed to make his contract.

DEAL No. 20

This was a very fine example of the **grand coup**.

After the fourth trick West needed every trick but one for game. He decided South held both ace and nine of trumps because he did not go up at trick four and lead another diamond. Trumping dummy's winning diamond at trick seven, leading the ace of hearts to avoid securing the lead later, and discarding the ace of clubs at trick eleven are plays of the very first order.

DEAL No. 21

West properly bid hearts instead of no-trump, reading his partner for high-card strength in every suit but diamonds. He could have made two at no-trump but not game.

DEAL No. 22

This illustrates the wonderful results of high spade bids, but West was fully warranted in making his bid.

DEAL No. 23

This is a new use of the high spade bid and West only knew that he must take his partner out.

Had West bid clubs East would have bid two no-trumps.

DEAL No. 24

This is the same bid used in deal twenty-three and the result with the awful cards held by West was nearly black magic.

Had West bid diamonds East would have bid two no-trump.

DEAL No. 25

The feature of this deal was the bid by East. Unable to stop the heart suit and not holding five cards of another suit it was better to say six spades and give West another chance to bid.

DEAL No. 26

East would have had a terrible beating had not his partner taken him out. North should have risked two no-trump despite his unfavorable position.

A player whose hand does not promise two tricks should take his partner out of a no-trump bid, provided he holds a suit of five or **more cards**.

DEAL No. 27

The feature of the deal was the fine bidding of North, who did not bid at all.

Against a no-trump declaration North could not hope to make game at diamonds, and it was therefore more desirable to let the no-trump stand. West knew that his partner was taking him out on account of weakness, but with no adverse bid the no-trump still looked good.

DEAL No. 28

The singleton opening by North was the best that can be made against a nullo, and South proved himself a good partner by continuing the suit and giving North two valuable discards.

At trick five North denied the queen of diamonds by playing the jack. This is an old skat convention which is very important in this new count.

South reasoned that North would not bid two diamonds with less than six of the suit when the jack was the best card in the suit, and therefore after the fifth trick North was counted for five diamonds and either three hearts or two hearts and one spade, while West must have the queen and no other diamond.

By taking three rounds of hearts, therefore, South knew he could clear his partner's hand of everything but diamonds, and then compel West to take all the remaining tricks.

West might have saved 300 points had he played the deuce of clubs from dummy at trick three and kept the six. That would have made it possible for him to throw the lead to dummy at trick ten and then lead a diamond.

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